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NASHVILLE – Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Michael E. Magill today announced that the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) conducted 337 consultation visits during the year 2001. Since the inception of a consultation program in Tennessee in 1974, TOSHA has made 3,496 workplaces safer across Tennessee.

“Making the workplace safer is a top priority for our department,” Magill said.

“Through TOSHA’s consultative services, they are making it even easier for employers to provide safe, hazard-free worksites for their employees.”

This service, provided free to Tennessee employers, is designed to assist businesses in developing new or enhancing existing safety and health hazard controls and, as far as possible, implement cost-effective hazard control systems and recognize employers with exemplary safety and health management systems already in place.

TOSHA’s consultative services are confidential, and there are no penalties. A company’s only obligation is to correct hazards that are found by TOSHA that could result in serious injury or illness.

According to TOSHA Administrator John Winkler, “Participation in the consultation process by a company is an excellent way to make a statement regarding safety in the

workplace. The consultative program represents a proven opportunity for you to help reduce workplace injuries and illnesses, reduce costs, and increase profits without the worry of penalties, fines, or citations.”

For more information about TOSHA’s Consultative Services, call 1-800-325-9901 or visit our web site at: [www.state.tn.us/labor –wfd/tosha.html](http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/tosha.html).

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